

I have recently been made aware of the proposed rule change that would enable a single individual (corporation) to own up to 35% of media in the U.S. I believe this is about the fastest way for the general public to be inundated with information that is onesided and self serving. When such a situation exist, there is no competition irregardless of what those who would form a oligarchy may proclaim.

The airways belong to the public not to a handful of wealthy business interest. All one has to do is watch any of the major network news programs to understand that the focus is not on informing the public but instead to slant public opinion to conform to government/business views. The coverage of the Iraq war that a fair number of the citizenry and U.S. allies believed was a bad idea, is a perfect example.

I ask that the 5 members of the board consider the ramifications of allowing any powerful entity to gain such power. Deregulation, which this is, is bad for the common people who will be required to enrich the few who are able to wrangle such power from the federal government in the short run. In the long run, it will be one of the cornerstones of the end of individual freedom in our country.

Respectfully,

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